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On the occasion of a conference held at the VEB Wissenschaftlich-technisches Buero fuer Geraetebau (Scientific Engineering Office) (WTBG)<sup>1</sup> on 11 June 1954, Balzer (fnu) of the Ministry of the Interior discussed the problem of designing marker buoys. Under ordinary conditions they were to float about 10 meters below the surface of the water in which they were moored and were to be used to mark a navigable stretch of water. A friendly vessel approaching the buoys would send submarine signals which caused the buoys to come to the surface. The buoy would make a sound or visual signal and then dive again and remain at the surface to be designed to respond to a combination of impulses so that they would not appear on the surface all at once but successively as the vessel proceeded along the channel marked by the buoys. WTBG, which had been asked by Balzer to submit its opinion on this problem, replied that it would be possible to construct such buoys.

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